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Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Section 73 of Electricity Act 2003 contains provisions regarding Central Electricity Regulatory Commission;

(b) if so, the details of the functions prescribed to be performed in public interest by the said Commission;

(c) the functions carried out by the said commission in public interest during the last three years along with the number of decisions given against power distribution companies; and

(d) the provisions proposed to be made to make the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. Section 73 of the Electricity Act, 2003 is pertaining to the duties of the Authority i.e. the Central Electricity Authority. However, provisions regarding the Central Commission have been prescribed in Sections 76 to 79 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The provisions regarding the functions of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission as prescribed in section 79 of the Act, are given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) : The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), in exercise of its power prescribed under Section 178 read with other relevant sections of the Act, has notified regulations on various matters to carry out the provisions of the Act. A detailed list of Regulations (along with amendments) notified by the Commission during the last three years is given at Annexure-II
The important regulatory interventions of CERC vis-a-vis the statutory requirement under the Act, are in the field of Tariff determination of companies owned and controlled by Central Government and other generating companies which enter into or otherwise have a composite scheme for generation and sale of electricity in more than one State, License to transmit electricity as an interstate transmission licensees and to undertake trading in electricity as on interstate electricity traders, power of adjudication, Grid Discipline and Grid Security, market development, promotion of Renewable Power, promotion of Energy Efficiency etc.
The Government has already introduced Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014 in the Lok Sabha on 19th December, 2014, which includes the provisions regarding performance oversight of Regulatory Commissions. The above Bill will be enacted only after its approval by the Parliament.
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